IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO : 17683 of 2004

Between:

A.S.R. Recreation Club Private Limited, H.No. 1-2-239, Opp: Government Hospital,Jangaon, Warangal District. Rep. by its Director Mr. J. Srinivas, S/o. Somaiah, Age 35 Years, R/o. 3-9-107, Market Road, Jangaon, Warangal District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Superintendent of Police, Warangal District at Warangal.
2 The Station House Officer, Jangaon, Warangal District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus, or any other appropriate Writ, order or direction, declaring the action of the respondents in obstructing the playing of rummy with stakes / syndicdate by the members of the petitioner club as being arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and contrary to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in State of AP, Vs. K. Satyanarayana reported in AIR 1968 SC 825 and in 2002 (5) ALT (DB) page 806 and consequently direct the respondents not to interfere with the playing of rummy with stakes/ syndicate by the members of the petitioner club within the club premises

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.D.BHASKAR REDDY

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court at the stage of admission made the following :

O R D E R:

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus forbearing from interfering with the activities of the petitioner's Society in particular with the Card Room of the petitioner's Society where the members and guests of the petitioner's Society are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game).

2. It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the issue raised in this writ petition is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of **TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB) V. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE** and the writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the said decision.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to obstruct the petitioner's Society from conducting card room for playing the game of rummy with stakes (strike game/syndicate game) by its members and guests. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to enter the premises and check if they have information that any game other than rummy is being played in the premises and to take necessary action in accordance with law. No costs.

01-10-2004

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To

1 The Superintendent of Police, Warangal District at Warangal.
2 The Station House Officer, Jangaon, Warangal District.

3. 2 CCs to G.P. for Home, High Court Building, Hyderabad.

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